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Applicant: Martin John Hofmann
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the
Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121).

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The amendments to the claims in the previously filed Amendment dated January 16, 2004 were found to be non-compliant in that "Claims 3, 6 and 9 status identifiers should be (previously presented) and claim 8 should be (cancelled)."

The claims included in the Amendment dated January 16, 2004 are re-submitted herewith and are believed to now comply with 37 CFR 1.121.